



Minutes

Treatment Court Subcommittee

December 8, 2014

Committee Members Present

Judge William Domina - Chair
Brad Schimel

Sam Benedict
Dick Manke

Joan Sternweis
Kathy Madden

Eric Severson

Committee Members Absent

Sara Carpenter

John Wirkus

Luann Anderson

Others Present

Judge Kathryn Foster
Jean LaTour

Rebecca Luczaj
Andrea Will

Kristy Gusse
Judge Lloyd Carter

Windy Jicha
Nicole Masnica

Domina called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approve Minutes from August 11, 2014 Meeting

The minutes of August 11, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Review Treatment Court Program Outcomes

Overview of ATC Screening Tool Results & Program Enrollments

Alcohol Treatment Court-Gusse reviewed ATC program statistics including enrollments, graduations, participant demographics, etc. Gusse said the program recently began using DUI-RANT and TCU tools to screen applicants for the program. Of the seven people screened, four were found to be appropriate with high risk and high needs. One of the approved candidates will enter the program today while the other cases are pending sentencing. Those denied entry into the program either did not live in the county or had inappropriately low risk and low needs. In response to Benedict's question, Gusse said there is currently no waiting list for the program and participants are admitted as soon as they qualify.

Domina warned that use of these screening tools may affect program outcomes including recidivism and graduation rates. The committee discussed the screening tools and how they are used for DTC and ATC.

In response to Madden's question, Gusse committed to providing copies of reports at future meetings.

Drug Treatment Court-Gusse reviewed DTC statistics and commented that this month there were five new admissions, two graduations and two discharges (one voluntary, one involuntary).

Domina said the biggest challenge of this program is graduating participants. The national average for graduations is 54% but research indicates that effectively run DTC programs can graduate 70% of participants. Luczaj indicated that Waukesha County's program graduates 32% of participants.

Domina said the length of the program can be frustrating. Benedict asked is any technical assistance available to help us run a more effective DTC? Domina said our program is run true to standards and follows the key components. The staffing team struggles over issues such as using jail for clients to get clean time. Luczaj said technical assistance is available through the grant. She will contact American

University and ask for help and advice. Domina said there are always ways to improve. Madden supports asking for help if it is a service provided by the grant.

Update on Federal Drug Court Grant Extension

Luczaj said Waukesha County was granted a nine month extension for the federal drug court grant which will give us until June 30, 2015 to spend the remaining approximate \$86,000 in grant funding. If there are funds remaining in June, Waukesha County may request a final extension of up to three months.

Masnica asked are there other grants the county can apply for to sustain the current capacity of DTC? Luczaj said there may be BJA Enhancement grants available but those would only cover augmentations to DTC not supplant the program budget.

Will asked would the number served in DTC be reduced after June 30, 2015? Luczaj said program capacity will be reduced from 50 to 25 when grant funding ends. Domina said it will be important to monitor program participants in anticipation of the funding ending.

Domina asked could remaining grant funding be used to provide training for judges? Luczaj said the federal government already made an exception and let us use grant funding to send Judges Carter and Dorow to judicial training in October. There may be money in the CJCC budget to send judges to the state treatment court conference being held in Milwaukee in March. Foster said there may be scholarship funding available for the judges' conference registration.

Benedict said it is critical for the CJCC to be aggressive and find ways to continue providing DTC services at the same levels. New leadership on the CJCC presents some challenges. Sternweis said staff will continue to review options and reallocate department and CJCC resources and funding as necessary for programs and services deemed essential. Luczaj said it is always important to plan for program sustainability.

Madden asked could American University provide ideas on DTC programmatic changes that may qualify the program for a BJA enhancement grant? Luczaj explained ways programs could be changed to qualify for enhancement grants and the group decided to schedule a brainstorming session. Luczaj said the enhancement grant announcement will probably be released in February, applications due in April, and funding would begin October 1, 2015.

Schimel left at 12:28 pm.

Update on WI Public Television Segment Featuring ATC

Foster said the visit by WI Public Television went well. Reporter Frederica Freyberg interviewed Foster and attended staffing and ATC. Luczaj said the segment is expected to air on a Friday night and Sunday morning before Christmas. Freyberg's post visit email indicates that she is impressed with the program. In response to Madden's question, Luczaj said she would try to obtain a copy of the segment. Manke suggested showing the segment to the County Board.

Summary of 2014 TAD Program Outcomes & Update on 2015 Continuation Grant

Luczaj said from the TAD grant program start up in March 2014 through the end of November, 20 participants have been served by TAD grant funding. With two enrollments already scheduled, Luczaj is confident the program will meet its goal of 25 enrollments by the end of the year. Luczaj recently submitted our application to continue the grant in 2015, which is non-competitive and guaranteed as long as state funding is available and program goals are met. Because of the late start up of this one-year grant funding, the county forecasts having about \$40,000 in grant funding left at the end of the year. A conversation with the TAD program manager revealed that the funding cannot be carried into 2015 and provided ideas for spending the remaining funds by the end of 2014. Remaining funds will be used to pre-order Vivitrol for TAD clients at a reduced rate of about \$978 per injection.

Masnica recommended stocking Suboxone test panels. Luczaj said those could be stocked up as they are an allowable expense.

Update on 12/15 TAD Site Visit

Ray Luick and other staff from the WI DOJ will be visiting Waukesha County on December 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This somewhat informal meet and greet will focus on data collection in an effort to help the state prepare for the release of its new CORE reporting system this spring. Luczaj listed the names of people from Waukesha County who were invited to attend.

Future Agenda Items/Other Business

- BJA Enhancement grant ideas
- ATC and DTC alumni group(s)
- Procedural issues related to judicial rotation between programs
- Facial recognition SCRAM testing

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.